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In re Application of :
Darst, Daniel :
Application No. 10/672,239 :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR §1.102(d), filed November 25, 2005 to make the above-identified application special.

The petition requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section II: Infringement.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR §1.102(d) and MPEP §708.02, Section II: Infringement, must be accompanied by the required fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(h) and a statement by the applicant, assignee, or attorney/agent registered to practice before the office alleging:

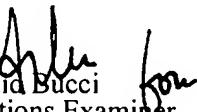
- (A) That there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use;
- (B) That a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product, or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and
- (C) That he or she has made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art or has a good knowledge of the pertinent prior art.

Applicant must provide one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record.

The petition complies with all the above stated requirements. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Paralegal Liana Chase at (571) 272-3206. All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to the Technology Center Art Unit 3724 for expedited prosecution.


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